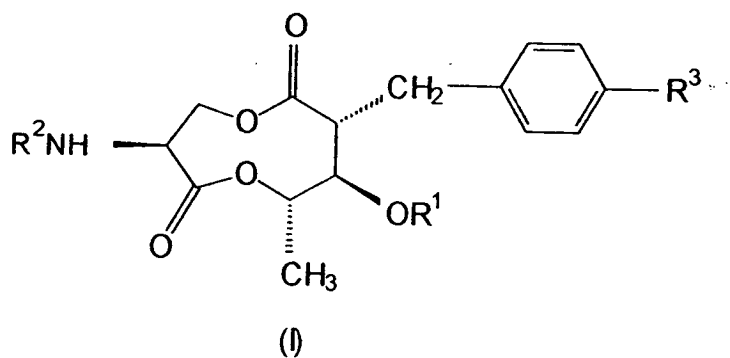


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein

R¹ represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R² represents a hydrogen atom, a benzoyl group having a substituent, ~~a nicotinoyl group having a substituent~~, or a quinoxalinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC₁₋₆alkylamino, formylamino, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, benzyloxy, C₁₋₁₀aliphatic acyloxy, benzoyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C₁₋₄)alkyloxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C₁₋₆)alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R³ represents a hydrogen atom.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to ~~claim 20 or 21~~ any one of claims 20, 21 or 33, wherein the acylamino represented by R³ is C₁₋₆ acylamino or the N,N-dialkylamino represented by R³ is N,N-di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino.

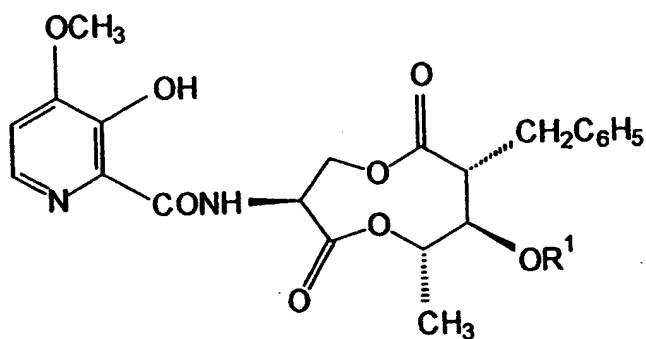
10. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to ~~claim 20 or 21~~ any one of claims 20, 21 or 33, wherein the acylamino represented by R^3 is formylamino or the N,N-dialkylamino represented by R^3 is N,N-dimethylamino.

11-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method for treating fungal infectious diseases, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of ~~claims 1, 20 or 21~~ claims 1, 20, 21 or 33 to agricultural or garden plants.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A process for producing a compound represented by formula (I) as defined in claim 1 wherein R^1 is as defined in claim 1 and R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, said process comprising the steps of:
chlorinating a compound represented by formula (II):



(II)

wherein

R^1 represents ~~a straight-chain or branched saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group;~~ isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl,

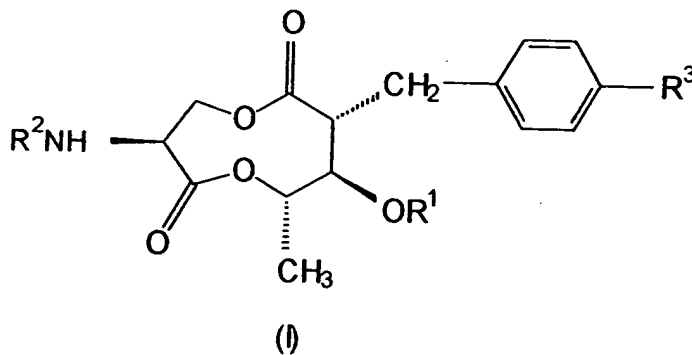
with a chlorinating agent;

etherifying the resultant imino chloro compound with an alcohol;

and

hydrolyzing the etherification product with water.

20. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



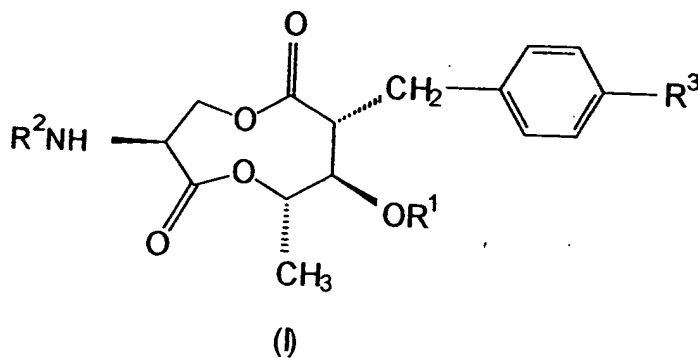
wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a 3-hydroxy-4-methoxypicolinoyl group; and

R^3 represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

21. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein

R¹ represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R² represents a hydrogen atom, a benzoyl group having a substituent, a nicotinoyl group having a substituent, or a quinoxalinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC₁₋₆alkylamino, formylamino, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, benzyloxy, C₁₋₁₀aliphatic acyloxy, benzoyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C₁₋₄)alkyloxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C₁₋₆)alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and
R³ represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim ~~21~~ 33, wherein R² is a picolinoyl group,

said picolinoyl group being substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, benzyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkyloxycarbonyl C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C₁₋₆) alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy.

25. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim ~~21~~ 33, wherein R² is a picolinoyl group,

said picolinoyl group being substituted

by C₁₋₆ alkoxy and

by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkyloxycarbonyl C₁₋₁₀

alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C₁₋₆)alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy.

26. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim ~~21~~ 33, wherein R² is a picolinoyl group,

the 4-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by C₁₋₆ alkoxy,

the 3-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C₁₋₁₀ alkylcarbonyloxy, C₁₋₆ alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C₁₋₆) alkylphosphoryloxy, or diphenylphosphoryloxy.

27. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim ~~21~~ 33, wherein the C₁₋₆ alkoxy is methoxy.

28. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound or a salt thereof according to any one of ~~claims 1, 20 or 21~~ claims 1, 20, 21 or 33 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

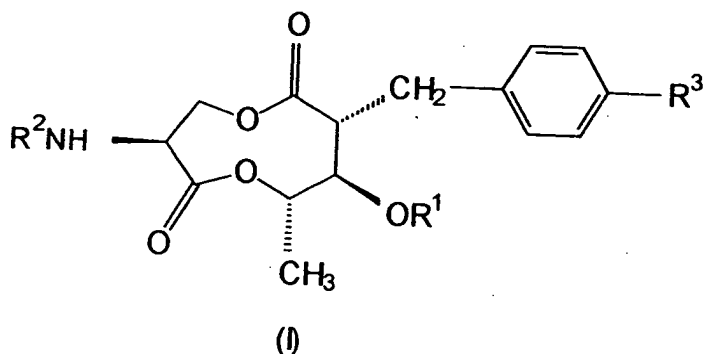
29. (Currently amended) A method for preventing the appearance and proliferation of *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of ~~claims 1, 20 or 21~~ claims 1, 20, 21 or 33 to agricultural or garden plants, an environment for growing the plants, or equipment for agricultural and gardening applications.

30. (Withdrawn) A method for exterminating *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising using an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 for agricultural or garden plants.

31. (Currently amended) A method for preventing the appearance and proliferation of *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of ~~claims 1, 20~~ or 21 claims 1, 20, 21 or 33 to industrial products or in the course of production of industrial products.

32. (Withdrawn) A method for exterminating *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 to industrial products or in the course of production of industrial products.

33. (New) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



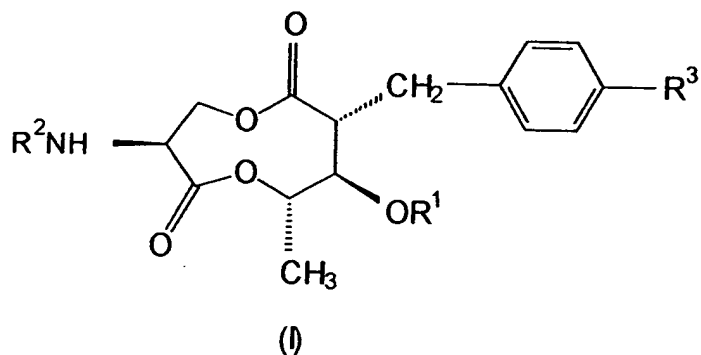
wherein

R¹ represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R² represents a picolinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC₁₋₆alkylamino, formylamino, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, benzyloxy, C₁₋₁₀aliphatic acyloxy, benzoyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C₁₋₄)alkyloxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C₁₋₆)alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R³ represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

34. (New) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a picolinoyl group, the 3-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by acyloxy and the 4-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by methoxy; and

R^3 represents a hydrogen atom.